

REMARKS

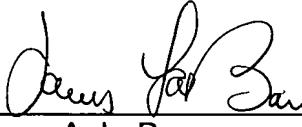
In the Office Action dated June 29, 2005, the rejection of claims 1-5 and 16-24, on the basis of the Sashihara patent, was maintained. For the reasons presented in Applicants' previous response, it is respectfully submitted that the Sashihara patent does not anticipate the subject matter of the rejected claims. Briefly, it does not disclose a smart card that contains two sets of information that provide the card with dual functionality, namely a first set of information that is dedicated to the functionality of a device (in the manner that a SIM card is dedicated to the operation of a wireless telecommunications device) and additional information that enables the device to conduct an Internet session with an Internet accessible application. The transmitting and receiving card 4 disclosed in the Sashihara patent only contains the latter set of information, namely an email transmitting and receiving program. There is no disclosure in the Sashihara patent that the card also contains information that pertains to the operation of a portable telephone, per se.

Nevertheless, to advance the prosecution of the application, claims 1, 16 and 20 now recite that the first set of information contained on the smart card enables a telecommunications device to establish a connection with a telecommunications network. There is no disclosure in the Sashihara patent that its card 4 contains any information of this type. Rather, the card of the Sashihara patent is only concerned with email functions, and not with telephony functions. In particular, there is no disclosure that the card is a subscriber identification module (SIM) that authenticates a user to the telecommunications network, as recited in claims 4, 18 and 23.

For at least these reasons, therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-5 and 16-24 are patentable over the Sashihara patent, in addition to claims 6-15 and 25-33. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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